

**Abstract:**

A sharps disposable container (10) comprises a base (12) having a bottom wall (23) and a sidewall extending upwardly therefrom defining a receptacle. A top having an aperture (42) therethrough is connected to an upper portion (16) of the sidewall. A closure (48) is hingedly connected to the top and capable of moving from an open position which allows access to the aperture and a closed position wherein the closure releasably engages the top. A gripping tab (54) is hingedly connected to the closure and projects upwardly from the closure when the closure is in the closed position and releasably engages the top. The closure can be permanently locked to the top by pivoting the gripping tab in a downwardly position and moving the closure to the closed position.